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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Taro MORI

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EXAMINER:

FOR: COMPRESSED AUDIO DATA REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND COMPRESSED AUDIO DATA  
REPRODUCING METHOD

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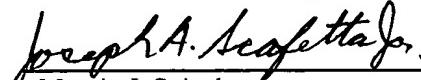
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

**Reference AO (JP 11-317022) on Form 1449:**

This reference relates to audio reproduction devices.

**Reference AP (JP 5-028647) on Form 1449:**

This reference relates to a method of a write/reproduction of digital audio signal.

**Reference AQ (JP 11-353799) on Form 1449:**

This reference relates to a information write/reproduction device.